

# Making a Family Disaster Plan

*What are the different situations you could face, what supplies do you need, how will you respond to different scenarios, and how will you stay in contact?*

- ✓ Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- ✓ Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- ✓ Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- ✓ Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact. All family members should check in with this contact at designated times.
- ✓ Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate. Many hotels do not allow pets.
- ✓ Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones, such as your local emergency management office, and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- ✓ Create a [disaster supply kit](#) and stock it with non-perishable emergency food, water, supplies, flashlights, batteries, and first-aid necessities.
- ✓ Use a battery-powered radio to stay-up-to-date on changing conditions during the storm, and ensure you have fresh batteries.

For more information on how to prepare, put together a disaster kit, develop an evacuation plan, and learn how to receive up-to-date information on the changing weather situation, visit my website at [www.himes.house.gov/hurricane](http://www.himes.house.gov/hurricane).

*Sources: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency*

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